



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Lawrence A. CLEVINGER et al.

Serial No.: 09/772,920

Group Art Unit: 2825

Filed: January 31, 2001

Examiner: Keshavan, Belur V.

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING DUAL DAMASCENE INTERCONNECTIONS AND
STRUCTURE PRODUCED THEREBY

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Claims 1-16 and 18-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 7, 10, 16, and 19 are currently amended. New claim 25 is added. Claims 17 is withdrawn from present consideration. Claims 1, 5, and 16 are independent.